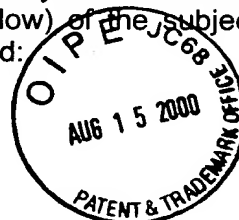


# DECLARATION

As the below named inventors, WE hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:



the specification of which: ☐ is attached hereto.



was filed on:

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as Application No.:

09/545,589

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\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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## Prior Provisional Application(s)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as

defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned
08/674,726	2 July 1996	Pending

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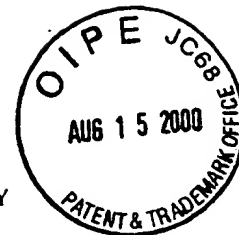
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Appl. No.: 09/545,589

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL WATERMARKING



**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL WATERMARKING** described in

(check one) ☐ the specification filed herewith

☒ application serial no. 09/545,589, filed April 7, 2000

☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

(check one) ☐ no such person, concern, or organization  
☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee of any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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NAME OF INVENTOR

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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

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DATE

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**ASSIGNMENT**

**WHEREAS, I, Marc Cooperman, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ have**  
invented certain new and useful improvements in:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL WATERMARKING**

described in an application for United States Letters Patent filed on April 7, 2000, and accorded Application No. 09/545,589;

**AND, WHEREAS, Wistaria Trading, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Florida, located at 16711 Collins Avenue, #2505, Miami, Florida, 33160 (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, my entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said improvements, said United States application, any other United States applications, including provisional, divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said improvements, any foreign applications, including international and regional applications, based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said improvements, and in and to any and all letters patent, including extensions thereof, of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said improvements or any parts thereof;**

**AND I hereby agree for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further documents and instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in the prosecution of said above-referenced application or in the preparation or prosecution of any continuing, substitute, divisional, renewal, reexamination or reissue application or in any amendments, extensions or interference proceedings, or other applications for patents of any region or country, that may be necessary to secure to ASSIGNEE its interest and title in and to said improvements or any parts thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;**

**AND I** hereby covenant for myself and my legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that I have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said improvements, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed, my right, title and interest in said improvements had not been otherwise encumbered, and that I have not and will not execute any instrument in conflict therewith;

**AND I** do hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all letters patent which may be granted upon said United States applications, or upon said improvements or any parts thereof when granted, to said ASSIGNEE.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marc Cooperman

County of

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) ss:

State of

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On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_